

# Commodity Shelf Newsletter

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## Updates

I would like to introduce myself to those who have not heard about the new addition to the DESE – School Food Services (SFS) Donated Food (DF) staff. My name is Matthew Essner and I have been added to the SFS – DF section as the Assistant Director. I have been working with DESE – SFS for nearly two years as a Supervisor for the School Nutrition Programs. You may have seen me around the state conducting reviews as the “floater” during School Year (SY) 06-07 or in the South Central region during SY 07-08. I am extremely excited to have the opportunity to work with the DF section to enhance DESE’s USDA commodity program and to better serve the more than 700 Local Education Agencies (LEAs) who participate. The veteran staff you have grown accustomed to working with is still here in full force, so feel free to contact Ellen Hester, Gary Karr, DeeDee Kilson or Janell Wideman just as you have in the past.



I have been traveling around the state participating in our SFS Summer Workshops and have had the chance to meet many of you. During these sessions I have had the opportunity to discuss many questions, concerns and ideas the food service staff members may have had about the DF program. If you were not able to attend the workshops or didn’t get the chance to meet me, I would love to hear from you and discuss your thoughts about the program. My contact information is: [matthew.essner@dese.mo.gov](mailto:matthew.essner@dese.mo.gov) or my phone number is 573-522-1974.

I look forward to hearing from all of you in the future and providing you the best service our office possibly can.

## Beef Recall Update

MO had more than 100 LEAs affected by the Hallmark/Westland beef recall of February 2008. The reimbursement due the LEAs of MO is in excess of \$265,000. The public voucher (claim for reimbursement) was submitted to USDA on June 13, 2008 and approved by their office on June 19, 2008 and then forwarded to the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) who will be issuing the payment for the recalled beef. As of July 28, there are still two states in front of MO. Once the voucher has been approved by AMS and a payment issued to DESE – SFS, we will be issuing your reimbursement as quick as possible. Replacement beef (the donated food portion) for the affected cases has been sent to the processors and LEAs should expect to receive their replacement product during the first part of this school year.



## Rebate Forms

DESE – SFS will again be participating in a Rebate program with the following companies:

1. Schwan's Food Service
2. ConAgra Foodservice
3. Nardone Brothers Pizza
4. J M Smucker's

The updated forms with the item numbers of the products for SY 08-09 are currently being compiled and will be available on the DESE – SFS Website soon.

## Value of Commodity Letters

The letters containing each LEAs breakdown of the value of the USDA commodities their LEA received for SY 07-08 is now posted on the DESE – SFS Website under the “Commodities” tab. Check it out to see how much assistance your LEA received by participating in the DF program.

## Open Order Reminders

1. Open Orders are due by noon (12 p.m.) on the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month **prior** to when you would like delivery.
2. All Open Orders should be submitted via E-Mail to [webreplyascfocom@dese.mo.gov](mailto:webreplyascfocom@dese.mo.gov).
3. If you submit an order and need to make an addition, fill out another Open Order form with **only** the item you would like to add. Attach the additional form to an E-Mail and add a note to your message so Janell can make the addition.
4. If any item you order from the Open Order is **not** delivered on the expected delivery, the item will no longer be backordered and needs to be re-ordered with your next month's Open Order. This is a change from previous years.
5. If you would like to know when your Open Order has been received and all is OK, please request a read receipt with your E-Mail. If you receive an E-Mail saying that your E-Mail has been read, that indicates that everything was OK with your Open Order form. If you are unable to request a read receipt and you get a reply E-Mail with a short "OK" or "Got It", this also will mean that your Open Order has been received and all is OK.

## DoD Fresh Program

If your LEA participates in the Department of Defense (DoD) Fresh Program, you will be receiving your entitlements and instructions via E-Mail to the Authorized Representative of the NSLP very soon. All LEAs participating in DoD Fresh will now submit their produce orders via the FFAVORS Website. If you have any trouble logging on to FFAVORS Web or if the DoD contact person for your LEA has changed since SY 07-08, please contact Pam Hamlett (MO contact) with the Defense Supply Center in Philadelphia @ [pama.hamlett@dla.mil](mailto:pama.hamlett@dla.mil) or 215-737-3676. For all other questions and concerns with the DoD Fresh Program, please contact Matthew Essner.

## USDA Commodities New Image

USDA has been providing quality commodities for the NSLP for many years now, but recently decided the time has come to try and change the image of



USDA commodities from a "surplus" image, to a "quality, healthy" image. USDA has created this new logo to represent USDA commodities and coined the phrase "Healthy Choices, American Grown".

In another effort to change the perception of USDA commodities,

a new label has been created for canned fruits and vegetables. The



new label will be full color and have actual pictures of the product inside. Look for these new labels this fall.

Did you know that all USDA canned fruits have been canned in light syrup, unlike the commercial norm of canning in heavy syrup, for nearly 20 years! USDA is also lowering the sodium content of canned vegetables and all will be considered low sodium (less than 140 mg per serving) by SY 09-10. USDA also continues to provide sodium-free frozen vegetables for the NSLP.

For more nutritional information about USDA commodities, check out DESE – SFS Website under the "Commodities" tab and look under "Nutritional Information". Or check out USDAs updated Website @ [www.commodityfoods.usda.gov](http://www.commodityfoods.usda.gov). Each commodity item offered by

USDA has its own newly formatted and updated

Commodity Fact sheet. The new sheets contain

information on

| CATEGORY                               |   | Canned Fruits                    |  |
|--|---|----------------------------------|--|
| PRODUCT DESCRIPTION                    | PACK/YIELD                                    | UPC                              | Nutrition Information  |
| Rotine, Whole Grain, Dry, 20 lb Carton | 0420 - ROTINE, WHOLE GRAIN, DRY, 20 LB CARTON | 00000000000000000000000000000000 | <br>Nutrition Facts<br>Serving Size: 1 cup (28g)<br>Servings Per Container: 70<br>Calories: 100 % Daily Value<br>Total Fat: 0g 0%<br>Saturated Fat: 0g 0%<br>Trans Fat: 0g 0%<br>Cholesterol: 0mg 0%<br>Sodium: 140mg 6%<br>Total Carbohydrate: 21g 7%<br>Dietary Fiber: 10g 33%<br>Sugars: 1g 1%<br>Protein: 2g 5%<br>Vitamin A: 0%<br>Vitamin C: 0%<br>Calcium: 12%<br>Iron: 2%<br>Magnesium: 21%<br>Potassium: 11%<br>Thiamin: 2%<br>Riboflavin: 2%<br>Niacin: 2%<br>Vitamin E: 2%<br>Folate: 2%<br>Vitamin B6: 2%<br>Vitamin B12: 2%<br>Choline: 2%<br>Alpha-Linolenic Acid: 2%<br>Linoleic Acid: 2%<br>Linolenic Acid: 2% |
| Rotine, Whole Wheat, Dry, 20 lb Carton | 0421 - ROTINE, WHOLE WHEAT, DRY, 20 LB CARTON | 00000000000000000000000000000001 | <br>Nutrition Facts<br>Serving Size: 1 cup (28g)<br>Servings Per Container: 70<br>Calories: 100 % Daily Value<br>Total Fat: 0g 0%<br>Saturated Fat: 0g 0%<br>Trans Fat: 0g 0%<br>Cholesterol: 0mg 0%<br>Sodium: 140mg 6%<br>Total Carbohydrate: 21g 7%<br>Dietary Fiber: 10g 33%<br>Sugars: 1g 1%<br>Protein: 2g 5%<br>Vitamin A: 0%<br>Vitamin C: 0%<br>Calcium: 12%<br>Iron: 2%<br>Magnesium: 21%<br>Potassium: 11%<br>Thiamin: 2%<br>Riboflavin: 2%<br>Niacin: 2%<br>Vitamin E: 2%<br>Folate: 2%<br>Vitamin B6: 2%<br>Vitamin B12: 2%<br>Choline: 2%<br>Alpha-Linolenic Acid: 2%<br>Linoleic Acid: 2%<br>Linolenic Acid: 2% |

the make-up of each product, how to properly store the commodity, preparation instructions, and tips for usage.

## Contract Update

The contract for the warehousing and delivery of USDA commodities to the LEAs of MO expired on June 30, 2008. Due to some delays, the Request for Proposal (RFP) was not issued until mid-May and there was not adequate time to establish a new contract by June 30, 2008, so an extension of the previous contract was issued to Food Distribution Associates (FDA) for service to continue through December 2008. DESE – SFS and the Office of Administration are currently evaluating the bids received from the RFP and hope to have a new contract awarded in the near future.

For non-public LEAs who pay for the delivery of their commodities, the price for delivery has gone from \$1.50 for SY 07-08 to \$1.73 during the extension period.

Additional information will be available once the new contract has been awarded.

## Entitlement

Letters to LEAs containing the Planned Assistance Level (PAL) or entitlements for SY 08-09 will be issued soon. DESE – SFS has received multiple notices from

 USDA expressing the rising cost of commodities over the last 12 months. USDA may not be able to purchase all of the orders that have been submitted by

DESE - SFS. All items your LEA selected from the processing packet in January 2008 should be delivered as expected. The rising costs of commodities may cause DESE – SFS to decrease some of our planned Prorated items and Open Order items throughout SY 08-09 to compensate for the rise in the cost of commodities. Please check the updated Prorated list each month on the Commodity Shelf Newsletter and make sure that you use an updated Open Order form each month.

## Whole Grains

Does your LEA strive to improve the nutritious meals offered to students by increasing the number of items offered which contain whole grains? If so the

Whole Grains Council would like for you to help celebrate Whole Grains Month and enter their contest. The challenge is for your LEA to serve at least one whole grain choice everyday during the month of September and then enter for a chance to win some great prizes. For more information log onto: [www.wholegrainscouncil.org](http://www.wholegrainscouncil.org).

You might want to take advantage of new whole grain pastas available through the Open Order, or create your own menu items using the whole wheat flour available on the Open Order.

## Websites to Check Out

[www.mypyramid.gov](http://www.mypyramid.gov) is a great site to share with your students and it has interactive games and lots of valuable information about the benefits of eating a healthy diet.

[www.voteforschoollunch.org](http://www.voteforschoollunch.org) National School Lunch Week (NSLW) is coming up October 13-17, 2008. Have your students go online to vote for this "Presidential Edition."

[www.pfkids.com](http://www.pfkids.com) is a new interactive Website hosted by Prairie Farms. The site includes interactive games, designed by kids, to help reinforce the importance of dairy in a kid's daily diet. There are also lots of resources for teachers and parents.

## Quote for the Month

"If what I believe and do today is positive, I help create a **better** tomorrow!" ***The Present*** by Spencer Johnson, M.D.



## Comments/Issues

Please feel free to contact our office about any issues you are having with any of the Donated Foods you receive. Also let us know if there any topics you would like discussed in an upcoming newsletter and we will do our best to keep you informed.

Have a great start to SY 08-09 and best of luck in completing another successful SY for your Child Nutrition Programs!

## Prorated Commodities

Following is a listing of PRORATED entitlement and bonus commodity items expected to be available for the 2008-2009 school year. These items are prorated based upon your ADP. If you wish to refuse all, or any part of your allocation, your Authorized Representative must notify our office in writing at least 6 weeks in advance of the estimated delivery period. These commodities are for use in authorized feeding programs only. Commodities, amounts, and delivery dates are subject to change.

### FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

|                                 | <u>Pack Size</u> | <u>Estimated Delivery Period</u>  | <u>Estimated Value</u> |
|---------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------|
| Pear, Halves, canned (61)       | 6/#10 cans       | Start Aug. 1 – Complete Sept. 15  | \$25.01                |
| Strawberries, Cups, frozen (52) | 96/4.5 oz        | Start Sept. 1 – Complete Oct. 15  | \$32.50                |
| Green Beans, canned (62)        | 6/#10 cans       | Start Sept. 1 – Complete Oct. 15  | \$13.62                |
| Peach Cups, frozen (41)         | 96/4.4 oz cup    | Start Sept. 15 – Complete Oct. 15 | \$24.66                |
| Potato Wedges, frozen (43)      | 6/5# pkg         | Start Sept. 15 – Complete Oct. 31 | \$13.67                |
| Peaches, Cling, Diced (62)      | 6/5# pkg         | Start Nov. 1 – Complete Dec. 15   | \$19.25                |
| Apple Slices, canned (62)       | 6/#10 cans       | Start Nov. 15 – Complete Dec. 31  | \$20.24                |
| Potato Rounds (43)              | 6/5# pkg         | Start Dec. 1 – Complete Jan. 15   | \$13.63                |
| Potato Oven, frozen (43)        | 6/5# pkg         | Start Dec. 1 – Complete Jan. 15   | \$14.79                |
| Beans, Refried (55)             | 6/#10 case       | Start Dec. 15 – Complete Jan. 31  | \$14.66                |
| Corn, frozen (42)               | 30 lb crtn       | Start Feb. 1 – Complete Mar. 15   | \$18.02                |
| Peach Cups, frozen (41)         | 96/4.4 oz cup    | Start Feb. 1 – Complete Mar. 15   | \$24.66                |
| Strawberries, Cups, frozen (52) | 96/4.5 oz cup    | Start Mar. 1 – Complete April 15  | \$32.50                |
| Applesauce (41)                 | 6/#10 cans       | Start Mar. 1 – Complete April 15  | \$14.54                |

### MEAT/MEAT ALTERNATE

|  | <u>Pack Size</u> | <u>Estimated Delivery Period</u>  | <u>Estimated Value</u> |
|--|------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------|
| Chicken Diced, frozen (47)                         | 40 lb case       | Start Aug. 15 – Complete Sept. 30 | \$88.80                |
| Ground Beef, frozen (45) (1 <sup>st</sup> alloc.)* | 40 lb case       | Start Oct. 1 – Complete Nov. 30   | \$56.10                |
| Cut-Up Chicken (16) (1 <sup>st</sup> alloc.)*      | 40 lb case       | Start Oct. 1 – Complete Nov. 30   | \$26.48                |
| Turkey Roasts (47)                                 | 40 lb case       | Start Nov. 1 – Complete Dec. 15   | \$89.22                |
| Am. Sliced Cheese (69) (1 <sup>st</sup> alloc.)*   | 6/5 lb loaves    | Start Dec. 1 - Complete Jan. 15   | \$55.28                |
| Ground Beef, frozen (45) (2 <sup>nd</sup> alloc.)* | 40 lb case       | Start Jan. 1 – Complete Feb. 15   | \$56.10                |
| Cut-Up Chicken (16) (2 <sup>nd</sup> alloc.)*      | 40 lb case       | Start Feb. 15 – Complete Mar. 30  | \$26.48                |
| Am. Sliced Cheese (69) (2 <sup>nd</sup> alloc.)*   | 6/5 lb loaves    | Start Feb. 15 – Complete Mar. 1   | \$55.28                |
| Ground Beef (17) (3 <sup>rd</sup> alloc.)*make-up  | 40 lb case       | Start Mar. 1 – Complete April 15  | \$56.10                |

The number shown in parenthesis for above product means your LEA will receive approximately one (1) case of that product per that number of Average Daily Participants (ADP).

Example: Peas, Frz (56)

If you have an ADP of 112 you can expect to receive 2 cases of Peas, Frz.  $112 \div 56 = 2$  cases

\* If you had 25%, 50%, etc. of this product processed, adjust your ADP accordingly when calculating allocation rates. If you had 100% of this product processed, you will not receive any.